

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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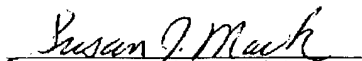
REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been amended to make the language in the claims more consistent and to correct antecedent basis. Claim 3 has been further amended to clarify that the homologue is that of the amino acid sequences, not of the DNA. Claim 14 has been amended to expressly recite the polypeptide of claim 2, rather than depend from claim 2. New claim 15 is supported by the original filed specification, at page 6, first full paragraph.

Accordingly, no question of new matter arises and entry of the amendment is requested, respectfully.

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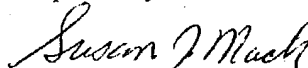
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